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CONGRESS MAY ACT ON POISON WHISKY

NEGRO ADMITS HE KILLED ORSI; SELF **DEFENSE HIS PLEA**

Shot, Thinking Special Officer Was Robber, Black Says After Capture and Battle With Deputy Sheriffs.

Dr. Leith, Aged Divine, Crosses

ied from the infirmities of age Satur-ay morning at 10:30, at the home for apperanguated Methodist clergymen,

ingrammated Methodist clergymen, on Graham avenue.

The funeral will be held at his old shome in Paris. Tenn, after a brief service to be conducted at the parlors of Thompson Bres., the time of which has not yet been fixed.

The Leith was a native of Scotland pard came in the Memphis conference directly from that country. He filled the pisterates at LaGrange, Moscow, Nowbern and other West Texnosses to wrise and at one time was presiding elder of the Union City district.

To Leith is survived by his sister, thillian Smith Leith, of Memphis; three elarghters Mrs. T. C. Stone of Nashville, Mrs. J. Q. Klius and Miss Lenn 1 with of Memphis, and one son, William Wallace Leith, also of Memphis.

ALLIES WILL DEMAND CROWN PRINCE'S TRIAL

LCNDON, Dec. 27.—Prederick William, the former German crown prince, will be included in the list of persons whose surrender for trial is demanded by the French, according to an unofficial raport of a recent meeting between Princh law offi tals and Edouar, Ignose, French under-secretary for military picties.

The ex-crown prince, it is said, will be charged with criminal offenses, including feeting and pobbery with violence, committed in France.

There appears to have been no further decision reached at the conference with regard to the case of former lamperor, William.

A full list of the men whose surrender will be demanded has been completed, it was stated, and the steps which are to be taken to insure their surrender have been decided upon the critical production of the composition of the composit

TWO ACCUSED ON LIQUOR CHARGES BAILED

Sam O Scott and Albert Grizzina we released on bond Friday aftertora after having waived proliminary inearing before George H. Pooley Chitted States commissioner, on charges of having violated the Reed amendment, by transparing intoxicating liquors into Tennesise from another state. A switch engine singabed one case of what was supposed to be evidence and the other four cases of alleged evidence against their disappeared in a taxi.

DIPHTHERIA NOW IS UNDER CONTROL

city health authorities have diphtheria now practically under con-trol. According to the city health de-partment, visiting nurses have only 20 convalence asses to look after, and no new cases have been reported for the sketches. As Stump Graham or John Hickey agreed "a good time was had by all."

Is Sure U.S. Will Ratify Covenant



Photo of Lady Astor taken during her first speech after election.

More Than 1,000 Get Warm Clothes From Goodfellows

Great Divide No Blame Here; Negro Passes Up Wood Alcohol

Although indedendance is the charge similar Jim Ruffin, negro, on the police birter, the real charge is that he soid a half part of wood alcohol for heverage purposes. It might have killed swignt nervous but for the fact that som Thomas, negro porter for the Moselty-Robinson drug store, knew worst absence from the grain product.

Son stopped by his mother's house on Christmas day and before he left like mother and Frances Cochran offered him a drink. They preduced as word alcohol and water. He nersunded them to let him take the field to the drug store, where a pharmacelst confirmed Son's diagonsis.

Speed Pollemen Vaughn and Zambroni heard about the deal. When Frances fold them she had point. Its Frances fold them she had point. Its Frances fold them she had point. Its Frances fold them she had point and the complete with the first to the deal. When Frances fold them she had point. The checks which the men lost were of \$1.000 disnomination, and made payable to Charles Ollie.

COAL PRICE BODY COAL PRICE BODY of Chairman of Local for Chairman of Local Committee.

DOCTOR WHO FAILED TO MARRY IN HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Dr. William Grey Vermilye, who falled to appear for his wedding with Miss Ruth M. Keeney, at Monson, Mass. on Christmas day, was forated early this morning at the Cumberland Street hospital, in Brooking, according to a statement issued by the police at 1:20 a.m.

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The police stated that they had been informed by a physician at the hospital that Dr. Vermlive had undergone a slight operation and that they had been requested to give out no information about his case.

Inquiries at the hospital were met with the information that a physician-samed Dr. Vermlive was a patient there and that nothing further could be stated shout the case.

LOEW ACTORS AND FRIENDS ENJOY FROLIC

Artists on the current bill, employes Artists on the current bill, employes of Loew's Lyceum and newspaperfolk invited for the occasion, made merry Friday night at a midnight supper, or as "trode Ben" Stainback, manager, termed it, "a Loew's get together with the cata. Music and joy reigned supreme from the time the first of the 50 present gathered back stage after the last performance.

ent gathered back stage after the last performance.

After the throng had run through a truckload of sandwiches and other cibiles not to mention a couple of tube of beer, so near that it wasn't even dignified with as decimal point, Jack Goldle, elever comedian who is going over fine this week, headed the furnakers in a series of songs, whoose and dances. Goldle divided time at the plane with Joe Henkel, who wields the batton in the orchestra, Miss Leone Pettigrew, house planist, and several other ivory ticklers who are on the bill.

bill.
Things went in grand style until Bob
Talley, house press agent, flashed a
decanter. A near riot ensued, but those
in the van of the mad charge discovered much to their chagrin, that it was

The past two days. While a number of cases of diphtheria have been reported to the department during the past three months, few deaths have been recorded. STRAY BULLET, THEORY Y. M. C. A. SHOOTING

Residence Lots Hit Harder Than Trade Property

Deeper insight into the appraisal for axation by the agents of the stab-sound bursts a bubble which has one existed. It is that at present down

\$6,000 IS LOST

\$3,000 in Cash and Balance AUTHORITIES STIRRED in Checks From Clarksdale. Miss., Bank Is Left Under

Committee.

W. H. Matthews, president of the Porest-Freducta Chemical company, will be chairman of the fair coal price com-mittee being selected by the Chamber of Commerce executive committee, pur-suant to an agreement between the federal fuel administration and the local coal dealers.
Federal Judge John E. McCall is the only other selection for the committee which had been made by the Chamber of Cemmerce leaders at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, after deliberating for a half bout. About a dozen other men will be selected to serve on the committee, however, before the chamber committee, however, before the chamber committee.

will be selected to serve on the committee, however, before the chamber committee adjourns.

Selections are being made from suggestions of five names each offered by each member of the executive committee in the executive committee in the executive committee in composed of W. H. FitzHugh, president of the chamber, chairman! Jack W. Gates, first vice-president. Ernest Adams, second vice-president. C. W. Thompson, treasurer, and W. H. Hayley, secretary. According to the resolution of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce authorizing the appointment of the committee, its deliberations will be open to the public. The sessions will probably be held on the sixth floor of the Chamber of Commerce and will start almost immediately.

In selecting the fair price committee the officers of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. FitzHugh stated, are striving to make it as representative as possible, putting on lawyers, manufacturers and merchants, employers and salaried men, representing large and small consumers of coal.

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Y. M. C. A. SHOOTING D'ANNUNZIO ASKS NITTI

Folice scout the theory that revenge was the motive which prompted some to fire a bulet into the room at the Y. M. C. A., where Charence Crawford Lighten Straub, acting sheriff here in October, during the Elaine race troubles, bear here stricken with appendicies and has undergone an operation at a hospital in Memphis. At first be condition was recalled as serious, but he is now believed to be on the way to complete recovery.

TO PUT OF LONDON TRIP

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PLA TO SAFEGUARD Ford Overturns On Pedestrian WOOD ALCOHOL SALE TO PREVENT DEATHS

TOTAL OF 159 ARE VICTIMS IN NATION

A total of 159 deaths due of drinking wood alcohol or home-brewed whisky containing other poisonous ingredients, among which is classed grain alcohol containing carbolic acid, are known to have been caused in the United States during the past few weeks, since prohibition went into effect. The known deaths, according to latest reports available Saturday afternoon, are:

with five dead and one dying from Christmas orgies; Cleveland, 14 since the first of December; Memphis, 10 from alcoholic poisoning of

since the first of December; Memphis, 10 from alcoholic poisoning of all sorts; Richmond, Va., one.

A still larger number of deaths are believed to have been due to alcoholic poisoning in the nation, but full reports have not been secured from all sections of the country, and the total deaths, when isolated cases are reported, would probably be greater than 200 in the artise pation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27,-Suggestions that congress might take steps to safeguard the sale of wood alcohol were made today by of-ficials of the bureau of internal revenue on hearing that a large numher of deaths had occurred from the heverage use of this poison. bureau has no special power to deal with such cases, officials said, but it is undertaking to have all "bootleggers" prosecuted vigorously, whether they sell whisky that is pure or that has been poisoned by wood alcohol.

NEGRO DIES IN RICHMOND.

20 DEATHS AT DETROIT.

RUSSELL GETS 2 YEARS.

WINNIPEG Man, thec 27. Sentence of two years imprisonment was given here today to R. B. Russell, one of the abor leaders in Winninegs recent general strike. Rossell was found guilty recently of seditious consumacy.

THE WEARIER

Temperature—

Hour. Dry Bulb Wet Rulb, Humid v. 7 p.m. yerday 27 25 87 7 a.m. today 24 22 84 Noon today 45 29 80 Maximum temperature, 37 minimum, 34 Run sets today 4.56 p.m. Rises tomorrow 7.07 a.m. Moon sets 10 as tonight. Precipitation, none.

change in temperature.

Mississippi-Pair, frost in south.

East Texas-Fair, frost.

Tennessee-Partly cloudy, not much

INTO ACTION BY DEATHS

perforents of justice agents announce that they have traced the "whisky" to New York where they say it was made. A scientific fight against all poisonous substitutes for liquor has been started in New York. Associated with Dr. Charles Nortis, chief medical examiner in this work, are the New York County Medical association and the national committee for the prevention of blindness. In addition to the crusade against wood alcohol Dr. Royal S. Copeland, commissioner of health, has an nounced the department would analyze the many homemade drinks.

1.500 KANSAS MINERS GE

the many homemade drinks.

Some of the substitutes for whisk; rade according to reports widely advertised contain fusel oil and other langerous ingredients, according to the commissioner. A determined effort also commissioner. commissioner. A determined effort also is being made to find out if any methyl alcohol is being diverted from paint shops or other industrial use and resold for beverage purposes.

FIVE DEAD, SIXTH DYING FROM CHICAGO ORGIES

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Five victims of wood alcohol poisoning are dead here, a sixth is dying and several others are seriously ill as a result of Christmas orgies. Federal and local authorities opened a vigorous investigation today to fix responsibility for the sale of MAUDE MOORE GETS

the poison.

County and city efficials here today joined hands for a crusade against
selling as a beverage wood alcohol,
which since July 1, has killed approxi-

day joined hands for a crussade against selling as a beverage wood alcohol, which since July 1, has killed approximately 38 men.

We have held inquests on 28 or 35 bodies since July 1, all victims of this drug," said Peter M. Hoffman, coroner of Cook county. "I expect a lot more in a few days from New Year celebrations."

One ordinary drink of wood alcohol can make a man permanently blind and sometimes kill him. Mr. Hoffman said.

Two men who sold wood alcohol to men who died after drinking it have been held for the grand jury on murder and the grand jury on murder charges. A city ordinance which would limit sale of wood alcohol to commercial men atone, and remove it from drug stores and saloons is expected to be submitted in a few days.

CHANCE FUR LIBER!

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. toc 27 Maude Moore, convicted of savying Lefley 19.

Tark R Nelson in criminal court Judge To A R Nelson said that he would be a new trial by Judge To A R Nelson said that he would have approved a verdict of murder in the second elegan service of the first degree. He declared that for story was "wholly incredible," and suggested that they went on the "so-called low that they went on the "so-called low manual permanent" that the Jury might have let her off with a verdict of guilty of manual permanent that the Jury might have let her off with a verdict of guilty of manual permanent.

TRACING POISON BOOZE RIGHT DOWN TO SOURCE

Fig. 1. South Wellington street, Memphis. The functal parts of the income Saturday afterneon at 1 of the income Saturday afterneon at 2 of clock. The Rev. D. A. Ellis will officiate Burial will be at Villa Ridge, Ill., Sunday afterneon.

TOTAL OF 14 ARE DEAD IN CLEVELAND, OHIO

Arkansas Fair, little change in tem-Alabama-Pale, frost in south Kentucky-Partly cloudy, stationar, Louislana-Pair, frost. Oklahoma-Fair.

North Carolina-Fair, stationary tem-erature. South Carolina, Georgia-Pair, front Florida-Fair, light frost in central and north portions Kansas-Fair, slightly colder.

On Pedestrians; Injuries Slight

Secretary Says He Hopes That Awards of Committee Will Stand.

DETROIT. Dec. 27.—While records of the war and is now a men and 20 deaths due to the drinking of one-brewed "whisky" since Sept 1. If, none has been reported here during the last few days, it was stated day. Schoultz Cases

were isolated from the rest of the world and had only a scarty supply of provisions on hand.

The government steamer Anonmore, loaded with provisions for their relief of the former charge in another case and countries in a seamer and countries. It is a seamer where the provisions for their relief on the former charge in another case and countries in a seamer where the provisions for their relief on the former charge in another case and countries. It is a seamer where the provisions for the relief of the former charge in another case and countries. It is a seamer was former charge in another case and countries. It is a seamer was former charge in the former charge in another case and countries. It is a seamer was former charge in the f

THRONGS MOURN AT

Members of the bur, friends and rela-ves from every walk of life did hom-te to the memory of Judge A. S. Bu-anna Saturday, when the funcial was ind from the late residence, 722 South anderdale street. The recement was conducted by the evolution of which the stead Jurial at a member, assisted by the Rev A. Curry, panter of Second Prestyte-an church. The interment was pri-tate.

Urges Women To Enter Commerce



Set For January

BUCHANAN FUNERAL

GET A FREE CALENDAR

M'LENDON HELD: Men Charged With Transport-

ing Automobile Must Appear Before Federal Court.

stated.

In the event all are held to await the action of the federal arrand jury which will doubtless be taken, the case will be brought to the attention of the grand, Jury 24 Memphis at the Mattern of court. ROB BANK OF \$10,000.

OKLAHOMA CTTY, Ohla, bec 27-Robbers entered the state bank of Kints, Haskell county, Okla, let-Thursday night or Friday meming an escaped with \$10,000 in Liberty bonds

BOOST LEAD PRICE. NEW YORK, Dec. 27. The American Spelling and Refining company today advanced the price of least from 7.25 to 7.50 cents a pound

FROM THE NEWS SCIMITAR ONE IS WAITING FOR YOU

Then keep your eye on it watch the days go slipping in They are your most precious possessions, your life; they are all you have Squeeze each one of them bard before it goes forever through your

Make it give you what you want work, by, tove, accomplishment.
Liven from your calcular to look ahead, but barn from it also the pec-minant importance of today. To not sacrifice the present for the future Live new!

Treasure the day that is. Make its coming have served some purpose instere you tear off the gaid that reveals temorrow. Keep your eye on the calendar.

calendar.

The News Scimitse has feared, in the face of the shortage of paper, that its readers highi not be able to get their calendars with accustomed man. So it produced for them a government calendar, free.

It was made by the pary department and carries a message from that service to the young men of America. It is artistic, handy, in every way

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CATHEDRAL; COST

Plans Will Be Laid Before Episcopal Congregation on Sunday for Extensive Improvements To Be Made.

Senior Senator Pleads Guilty of Being for America

"I thank you for your very kind ister, commending my course in supporting reservations to the covenant of the proposed league of nations, for the nurpose of protecting and maintaining the bonor, independence and severable of the United States and the rights and interests of the American people. is the interest of America and Americans. This was not denied by any creatur in the chamber during the desired. It is not denied by the president. It can not truthfully be denied by any truthfully be denied.

dent. It can not truthfully be denied by savone
"Those who condemn me for supporting them, condemn me for being for America first, and to this charge I plead suffry
"The charge that I pleaged myself to support the covenant of the lengue of nations contained in the German treaty is absurd and untrue.

"The revenant of the league had not been then (the summer of 1918) drafted.
"The president did not have a plan.

"The covenant of the league had not been their (the aummer of 1918) drafted.

"The president did not have a plan for such a league during my campaign ner did he take one to Paris with him in December, 1918.

"The covenant contained in the treaty was prepared by Gen. Smuta, of South Africa, a British subject, and Lerd Robert Cecil, one of the hereditary advisers of the king of England, was most influential in revising and controlling it.

"The contents, therefore, were not known when I was a candidate and no one had outlined or suggested what they would be, therefore I could not have pledged myself to support them.

"I believe when the framendous obligations which it is proposed in this covernant to impose upon the United States to maintain with its army and freasury the new and weak governments existing in Europe are fully known to the American people, and that if is understood that we will be embroiled in all the wars that are now being waged by these very same governments which would require us to send our boys there to fight and probably die for a cause in which we are not interested, the people of Tennessee will fully vindicate my course.

"Whether they do or not, I shall discharge my duty as I see it."

BALDWIN SLATED FOR BIG R. R. JOB

L. W. Baldwin, regional director of the Alleghens region, is to become vice-president of the Illinois Central railread in charge of transportation, with head-quarters in Chicago, according to report, current in railroad circles.

Mr. Baldwin is well known in Memphis railread circles. He was at one time chief engineer for the Illinois Central later becoming superintendent of the Kentucky division and then general superintendent of the Southern lines. He was general manager of the Central of Georgia railread when the government took over the railreads and madahira assistant rectional director in charge of operation. He was later made regional director.

DRAPFR IS FOOD AND DRUG COMMISSIONER

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec 27. (Spl.)—George B. Draner, well-known internal revenue man of Chattanooga, was today appointed by Gov. Roberts as commissioner of food and drugs of Tennesses, succeeding Harry L. Eskew, who recently resigned to enter the mercantile brokerage business. Mr. Draper will enter upon his new duties Jan. 1.

ARKANSAS QUOTA IN NEW NATIONAL GUARD

WASHINTON, Dec. 27.—Arkansas' quota in the reorganized national guard will be one regiment of infantry to be designated the Fourth Arkansas, the war department announced today.